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Tricky Mission

EVENTS of the last two days on the Egyptian-Israeli borders give a sense of urgency to Mr. Hammarskjöld's mission to the Middle East on behalf of the UN, but do not help to make his task easier or more encouraging. One danger is that the situation will deteriorate beyond repair before the UN Secretary-General has a chance of exerting his moderating influence on Arabs and Israelis.

No one will blame Mr. Hammarskjöld if he undertakes his mission with some misgivings. His terms of reference are somewhat vague and slim. As he sees it, the Security Council is requesting him to "explore possible ways of reducing the tension along the (Arab-Israeli) demarcation lines," an exercise, one would have imagined, which could have been attempted by the Security Council itself.

It is widely acknowledged that the Middle East situation has become explosive. The British government does not attempt to hide its fears of the imminence of a full-scale war between Israel and the neighbouring Arab nations, or the repercussions which such a catastrophe might cause. It is this which has prompted Britain to call for a new joint Anglo-American Middle East policy decision. If it is not made soon, and couched in compelling terms, it may come too late.

THE success of the Hammarskjöld mission hinges essentially on the degree of co-operation which he receives from the Egyptian, Syrian and Israeli governments. True, he bears with him the full authority and influence of the UN Security Council, but significantly the Soviet member of the Council only voted in favour of the undertaking "on the assumption that the Arab states and Israel agreed to it."

The validity or otherwise of that assumption has yet to be demonstrated. As members of the United Nations, Egypt, Israel and Syria share equal responsibilities in conforming with the wishes and injunctions of the Security Council. But in their present tempers, they may find it convenient to forget those responsibilities.

MR Hammarskjöld cannot hope to be a successful peace-maker if the protagonists eschew moderation for belligerence. It is clear that Egypt, in particular, is becoming intoxicated by the prospects of unlimited supplies of arms from the European Communist countries. Col Nasser is the person least likely to want to listen to reason, more especially as he now feels Egypt is not only as well armed as Israel, but that she can rely on the military support of Syria and Saudi Arabia. Mr Hammarskjöld embarks today on a delicate and difficult task. If it is to be successfully fulfilled, he will have to obtain from the Arabs and Israelis something more than a truce in the present hostilities. A firm assurance that the integrity of the demarcation lines will be respected is the minimum requirement.

The Truth About Rabbie?

A new book that is bound to cause controversy debunks Robert Burns. Written by a Scot, Christine Keith, the book says Rabbie was only a second-rate lover and an indifferent poet.

Read about these startling disclosures in tomorrow's feature-packed edition of the China Mail.

This is only one of the highlights in the big family favourite edition of the week-end Mail. Watch out also for these:

★ Cliff Morgan, Welsh Rugby wizard tells George Whitting about the greatest day of his life;

★ Anne Sharpley visits Lady Harding and reveals how she takes her mind off terrorism and bombs;

★ Les Armour writes a new appraisal of Aldous Huxley.

There are all your regular favourites as well including Jane Roberts' reviews of the latest films in Hongkong, three pages of local and overseas pictures, special pages for women, children and sportsmen, cartoons, comic strips, puzzles and Giles — all in the China Mail.

BIG GAZA CLASH: 40 DEAD

ISRAELI, EGYPTIAN FORCES FIGHT
FIVE-HOUR ARTILLERY DUEL

100 Reported Injured

Jerusalem, Apr. 5.

Forty people were killed and at least 100 injured in a heavy artillery clash between Israeli and Egyptian forces on the Gaza strip today.

This was reported by a United Nations observer.

Seventeen Arab children were among those killed, he added. All the dead were believed to be civilians and almost all Arabs.

The artillery bombardment lasted about five hours and followed spasmodic but sharp clashes between Israeli and Egyptian patrols in the Gaza area.

An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman said a formal ceasefire was now in effect.

It is not known which side started the artillery bombardment.

The permanent Egyptian delegate to the United Nations, Mr Omar Loutfi claimed that "Israeli armed forces had attacked at 12.30 a.m. local time."

An Israeli military spokesman said there were seven Egyptian attacks on Israeli patrols, beginning early this morning and continuing until early this afternoon.

At 3 p.m. the Egyptians began shelling three Israeli settlements on the east Gaza strip with mortars. Israeli artillery returned the fire, he said.

SECURITY COUNCIL CALL?

A New York report said the permanent Egyptian delegate to the United Nations, Mr Omar Loutfi sent an urgent letter to Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, the Secretary-General, giving him details of the bombardment together with Egyptian casualty figures.

These claimed that 33 civilians were killed and 99 injured, including an officer and six Egyptian soldiers. Mr Loutfi said he reserved the right "to pursue the matter further" which observers took to mean that he might ask later for a meeting of the Security Council.

A few hours earlier, Mr Hammarskjöld had outlined to correspondents his plans for visiting the Middle East at the request of the Security Council to try to reduce border tensions there.

An Egyptian delegation spokesman called the alleged Israeli attack "an act of atrocious assault."

The places attacked were said to be Gaza, Deir El-Balah, Abbas and Khazza, all in the Gaza strip.

Israeli Version

An Israeli military spokesman said Egyptian heavy mortar batteries shelled three Israeli settlements on the east Gaza strip—Kusufin, Ein Hashlosha and Nuhul Oz this afternoon. Israeli artillery returned the fire by shelling Egyptian positions, the spokesman said.

The Israeli spokesman said there were seven Egyptian attacks on Israeli patrols, starting early this morning and continuing until early this afternoon.

While the Egyptian and Israeli patrols used only automatic weapons during the seven clashes this morning, Egyptian mortars went into action this afternoon.

The spokesman said four Israeli soldiers were wounded as well as two civilians, one of whom was seriously hurt.

The spokesman said the Egyptians extended their shelling this afternoon and tonight bringing a total of five Israeli settlements under fire.

The United Nations spokesman, Mr Albert Grand, said firing stopped at 7 p.m. local time and since then no reports.

Nations observers on new

clashes. An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman said Israel had informed the United Nations Chairman of the Israeli-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission, Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Boyard that Israel accepted the ceasefire on condition that the Egyptians ceased fire.

Ceasefire Agreed

The spokesman added that Colonel Boyard later informed Israel that the Egyptians had agreed to observe the ceasefire deadline of 6 p.m. which Israel also accepted.

The Israeli spokesman went on to claim that the Egyptian shelling continued for half an hour after the deadline.

While the fighting on the Gaza strip was going on, the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr Moshe

CLASH WITH SYRIANS

Damascus, Apr. 5. Two Syrian soldiers were wounded yesterday during a clash with an Israeli patrol near the Syrian village of Elgev, a Syrian military spokesman said today.

A 20-minute exchange of fire ensued after Israeli soldiers had crossed the armistice line into Syria, the spokesman said.

An investigation by United Nations observers disclosed Israeli ammunition in Syrian territory, the spokesman claimed. —United Press.

Escaping Rebels Shot Down

Algiers, Apr. 5. Gaolers shot down 18 Algerian rebel prisoners as they tried to escape from detention in a police station in the Tizi-Ouzou area last night. The prisoners tried to break out when other rebels opened up heavy fire on the station.

At Oran, a rebel band attacked seven lorries belonging to a port working company near Nemours and hurled them down a ravine. They machine-gunned the occupants. A Frenchman was killed by the automatic fire and an Algerian, seriously wounded. —France-Press.

Acid Victim May Lose Sight

New York, Apr. 5. American journalist Victor Riesel, who had held throat in last night by an unknown attacker, last night is in danger of losing his sight.

Riesel, an expert on social questions, recently attacked gangster activities in certain labour groups in articles in the New York "Daily Mirror" and in a radio broadcast. —France-Press.

NEWSPAPERS FINED

The Full Court today fined nine Chinese newspapers sums ranging from \$150 to \$3,000 for contempt of Court.

One other paper, the New Evening Post, was not fined.

The Court held that its offence was less aggravated and that the proceedings should be a sufficient warning.

For full report see back page.

The Duke To Make World Tour

London, Apr. 5. The Duke of Edinburgh's visit to Melbourne to open the Olympic Games next November has been expanded into a world-wide Commonwealth tour.

Buckingham Palace gave details of a tour lasting three-and-a-half months in which the Duke will visit Ceylon, Australia, New Guinea, New Zealand and British possessions in the South Pacific and South Atlantic. The tour, the first major Commonwealth visit undertaken by the Duke on his own, will be carried out partly by air and partly in the royal yacht Britannia.

It will prevent the Duke spending the traditional Royal Family Christmas with Queen Elizabeth, Prince Charles and Princess Anne, at Sandringham. —Reuters.

'Abolish Church Marriages' Plea

Moscow, Apr. 5. A civil marriage ceremony without all the trimmings that attract young couples to church weddings, was advocated in a letter in the Soviet youth newspaper "Komsomolskaya Pravda" today.

The letter said that sometimes a young couple are far from the very idea of religion and do not even try to understand, and yet they marry in church because the bridesmaids wear white dresses, people bring flowers and choirs sing anthems.

It concluded: "Writers and painters must write beautiful marriage airs and devise costumes and rites for the new marriage" in such a way that "the religious rites do not even enter into the heads of the fiancés." —France-Press.

Outrage

Shillong, India, Apr. 5. Naga extremists kidnapped seven loyal Naga leaders in the Moko Chung area of the Naga hills district on Tuesday night and killed at least four of them, according to an authoritative report received today. —Reuters.

Cotton Workers Will March On London

Our Own Correspondent

London, Apr. 5. A 50-strong delegation of Lancashire cotton workers will stage a "protest" march on London on April 16, to lobby Members of Parliament at Westminster.

Mr William Bunnister, an unemployed cotton worker and former Mayor of Nelson, Lancashire, and one of the leaders of the march said the purpose of the trip was to "put the human side of the case to MPs."

He added: "The people in the mills are all aristocrats in a sense because they are the finest workers in the world. They want jobs for the young people. They say — why should our boys and girls be ruined because cotton cloth is being dumped here from India and Hongkong? Can you blame them?"

VOTING SHOCK

Colombo, Apr. 5. Ceylon Premier Sir John Kotelawala's party has lost heavily in the general elections, according to the first incomplete results reported tonight.

Sir John's party has only gained two of the 23 seats so far. Sir John has won his seat, but five members of his Cabinet and two junior ministers have been unseated.

The party with the largest number of seats so far is the People's United Front, Major E. S. W. D. Bandula. They have won 16 out of a total of 12. —France-Press.

Revue Show Censored: 'Mustn't Hurt Makarios'

From JOHN REDFERN

Mahe, Seychelles, Apr. 5. When the cast of an amateur revue in Mahe, capital of the Seychelle Islands, met for their dress rehearsal tonight they discovered their show must be "censored" — for fear of upsetting Archbishop Makarios.

The 20-strong amateur company, which includes government department heads and the chief of police, were told the Governor, Sir William Addis, objects to the final chorus which mentioned Makarios and Bishop Kyprianos, who also is in exile.

FURIOUS

Most of the company are furious about the cuts—but most of them work for the government or have husbands who do.

One official's wife said: "In London outspoken comments can be made from the stage about highly respected political figures."

"But this Makarios has to be protected. It does not make sense to me."

Despite everything, however, the Governor is expected to attend the show which is one of the principal social events of the year. —London Express Service.

SINGAPORE MERDEKA PLAN WINS APPROVAL

Singapore, Apr. 5.

Singapore Legislative Assembly today passed, without a single negative vote, the "Merdeka" resolution giving authority for the independence mission going to London later this month to negotiate with the British Government.

The "Merdeka" mission will seek for Singapore the immediate status of an independent territory within the British Commonwealth and will offer agreement whereby Britain would control external defence and give guidance in foreign relations other than trade and commerce.

During the closing stages of the debate the Chief Minister, Mr David Marshall, said, later that the question of the external defence of Singapore was "misnomer."

"It is not a question of defending us at all," he said. "It is a question of utilising Singapore for the defence of other members of the Commonwealth, including Britain." —Reuters.

Marilyn Ill

Hollywood, Apr. 5. Marilyn Monroe was sent home from work on a picture today, suffering from acute bronchitis. She has a temperature of 101 and will stay in bed until next week, her doctor said. —United Press.

Man Wounded In Coffee Shop Shooting

Nicosia, Apr. 5. A masked gunman entered a crowded coffee shop in Paphos tonight, and shot a Cypriot Greek with a pistol.

The victim, 23-year-old Andreas David, was

seriously wounded. The gunman escaped. The cafe was only 300 yards from a police station. The area was immediately cordoned off and a search began with the aid of police dogs.

Meanwhile, a Cypriot Greek villager, Neoptolomos An-

toniou, aged 38, was shot dead by unknown gunmen near Goudali village, north of Paphos.

He was walking home when he was shot down. He died shortly after being taken to hospital. The gunmen got away. —France-Press.

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Photographer Beaten Up



A Turkish-speaking mob in Cyprus beat up Greek Cypriot photographer Fanis Pappayaras. He was beaten up when cornered in a shop doorway, battered with fists, clubs and stones before being rescued by police. According to one reporter, ugliest part of the incident was when Pappayaras reached the doorway. He thought he had reached safety. The door was flung open, then slammed shut when the shopkeeper saw the mob.

Picture shows: Pappayaras fleeing from the mob.—Express Photo.

BANK RATE
RAISED
IN CANADA

Ottawa, Apr. 5.

The Bank of Canada last night hoisted the bank rate one-quarter per cent to three per cent in an early-1956 bid to brace the nation's economy against rising inflation.

This was the fourth time in eight months that the Bank has used this weapon against wanton spending to keep the economy in a healthy and sound balance. The last increase was on November 18, 1955—a one-half per cent boost sending the rate to 2 3/4 per cent. The interest tolls were also increased by one-half per cent on August 5 and one-quarter per cent on October 10. The current one-quarter per cent increase was effective from the close of business yesterday. It caught Federal financial observers napping.

Direct Influence

The bank rate is the minimum rate at which the Bank of Canada will lend for short periods to the chartered banks and the money market, on the security of Treasury bills and short-term Government bonds. Changes in the bank rate have a direct influence on the cost of borrowing from the banks through bank credit.

Raising the rate tends to increase the cost of borrowing from the banks and thus restrain bank credit. Interest rates in the money market also tended to increase, as a result, and this is reflected in higher yields in the bond market.—United Press.

5 FREEZING
NIGHTS:
7 RESCUED

Winnipeg, Apr. 5. Seven men were rescued from the rugged bush country of central Manitoba today after five nights in the open in below-freezing temperatures. All were aboard a twin-engine Anson aircraft owned by Northland Fish Limited when it was forced down last Saturday on a 200-mile flight from Red Sucker Lake, Manitoba.—United Press.

MAJESTIC

OPENS TO-DAY
AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.Terms Of Cover
Improvements

London, Apr. 5.

The Minister of State to the Board of Trade announced three immediate improvements in the terms of cover offered by the Export Credits Guarantee Department, which, he said, were "justified on commercial grounds" and would "help many exporters in their highly competitive business."

Rates of premium of exports to more stable markets, which covered destinations of over 80 per cent of British total exports in 1955, and included markets where there was the fiercest competition, were to be reduced by between ten and twenty per cent.

The limitation on extended short term cover, when it was introduced a year ago, was to be removed and terms on which cover was given for goods held in stock overseas were to be improved.—China Mail Special.

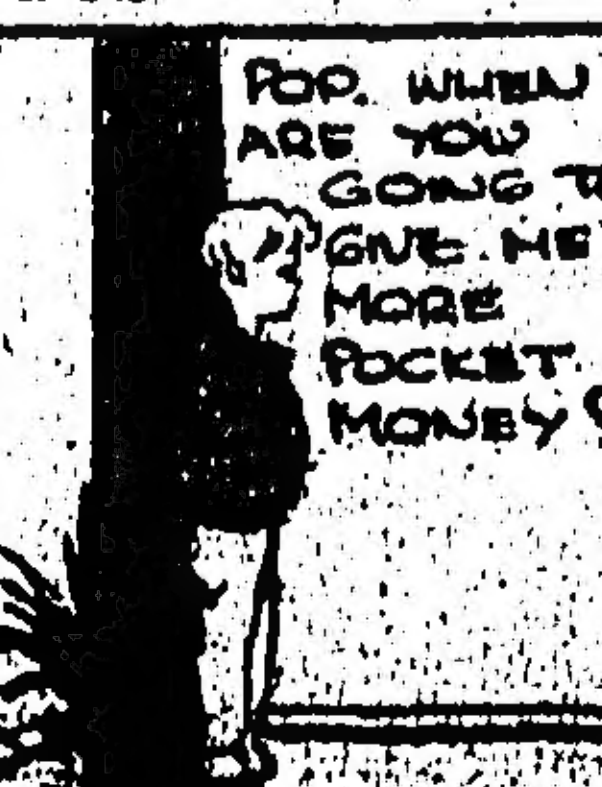
Orchestra
Leaving For
Hongkong

Los Angeles, Apr. 5.

The Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra of 100 musicians will leave by air on April 26 on a ten weeks' goodwill tour of Asia. It was announced here today.

Fifty-eight concerts will be given in Hongkong, Japan, the Philippines, Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Formosa, Okinawa and Korea.—Reuter.

POP



HAMMARSKJOLD BELIEVES IN HIS MISSION

'Something Useful Can Be Done' He Claims

New York, Apr. 5.

Mr Dag Hammarskjold, United Nations Secretary-General, said today on the eve of his departure for the Middle East that he would not have undertaken the mission given him by the Security Council if he did not feel that "something useful could be done."

Mr Hammarskjold leaves tomorrow, to fly to Rome by way of London.

He has been asked to survey the compliance given to the armistice agreements by Israel and the Arab states and to report back to the Council within a month.

The Secretary-General said at a Press conference that he might prolong his stay in the Middle East if his discussions there with Israeli and Arab leaders showed promise. In that case he might delay his final report to the Council beyond the month's deadline.

Mr Hammarskjold said that the Security Council's mandate to him was "very clear in its limitations." He said it "undoubtedly" did not include questions such as a possible arms ban.

"On the other hand," Mr Hammarskjold added, "you

must not forget that the Secretary-General remains the Secretary-General, and, quite apart from the Security Council action, I have, of course, the regular right to bring up with governments points which I think are worth consideration."

Different Matter

From that point of view, he said, the arms issue was "not outside the scope of my interests."

"To what extent I would consider it appropriate or wise as Secretary-General to go into such matters is a different matter," he added.—Reuter.

London, Apr. 5.

Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, British Colonial Secretary, left London airport today with his wife and family for a week's holiday in Italy.—Reuter.

Disarmament Plan
Would Take
Year To Operate

London, Apr. 5.

The United States told Russia today that the latest American proposals for a first phase in world disarmament would take more than a year to put into operation.

Mr Harold Stassen, President Eisenhower's special adviser, gave this answer to Russia's Mr Andrei Gromyko at the five-member United Nations Disarmament Sub-committee meeting, informed sources said.

The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister had put a number of questions at yesterday's session on the United States scheme.

This proposes reductions in manpower and conventional weapons and limitation of nuclear build-up through controls over the use of fissionable materials. Strict supervision and controls would operate at every stage.

Timing

On the timing of the proposals, Mr Stassen said he hoped it would be possible to get forward with the first-phase scheme "as rapidly as can be done."

In another reply, Mr Stassen emphasised that the United States considered that the linking of conventional and atomic disarmament in the proposal would facilitate agreement, the sources said.

The American delegate also repeated the United States insistence that aerial photography should be a key feature of the disarmament control machinery from the beginning.

Meets Monday

Under the American plan, the forces of the United States, Russia and China would be cut to 2,500,000 each, those of Britain and France to 750,000 and other powers to not more than 500,000 each.

The Sub-committee will meet again on Monday.

Earlier Mr Stassen told a Press conference that the United States plan was neither "rigid nor inflexible."

United States Government policy, he said, was to "seek a reciprocal, partial disarmament of both conventional and nuclear type on a safeguarded basis."

Russian Proposal

The Disarmament Sub-committee, made up of the United States, Britain, France, Canada, and Russia, has been meeting for three weeks. It also has before it a Russian proposal covering only conventional arms and a major Anglo-French plan for comprehensive disarmament.—Reuter.

Spring Is Here



A swing for lovely Fern Lewis in "Spring Is Here", the colourful opening to the latest edition of non-stop headliners at the Windmill Theatre.—Central Press Photo.

Studio At A
Gold Mine

Johannesburg, Apr. 5.

Two Johannesburg men, Mr R. Ross-Wilson and Mr L. Grosset, spend their daylight hours high up on a gold mine dump.

They are not reclaiming gold, but designing and building theatrical sets and industrial pavilions.

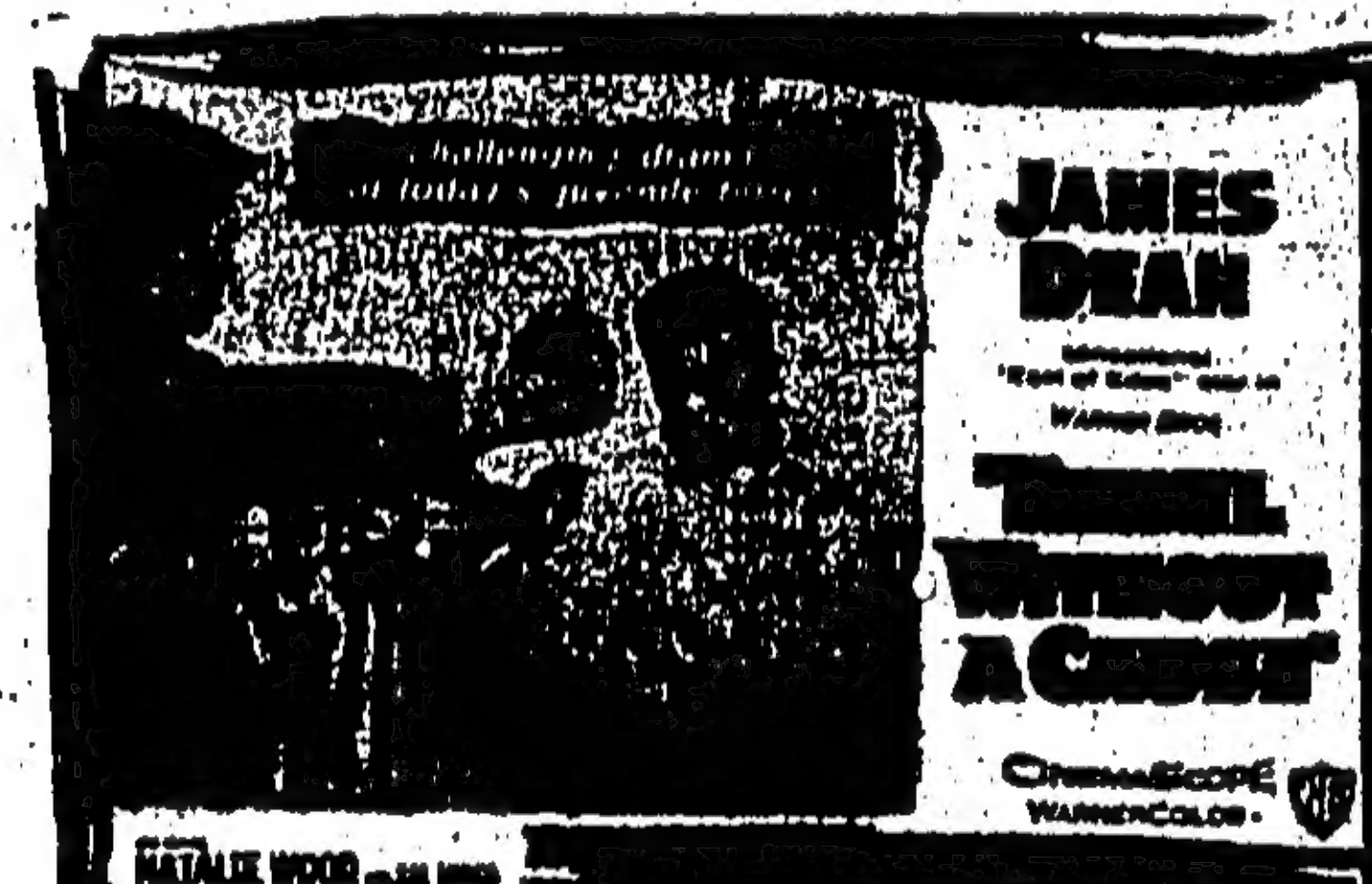
There is the first and only professional studio of the kind on the Witwatersrand, and they are probably the only designers in the world with their place of business on a mine dump.

A former tea planter in Ceylon, Mr Ross-Wilson met, backstage, the resident set designer of a Johannesburg theatre, Len Grosset.

Mr Ross-Wilson had studied architecture, arts and crafts in London, and they combined their talent and set up their mine dump studio last November.—China Mail Special.

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EDEN'S FIRST YEAR

Bad Crap-Shooter Or Just The Roll Of The Dice?



ANTHONY EDEN

London, Apr. 6.

Sir Anthony Eden completed his first year as Prime Minister today to Opposition charges that "Churchill made the shoes too big."

Sir Anthony's friends say he has done a workmanlike job, and his enemies claim he has dithered. Nobody claims he has achieved Sir Winston Churchill's reputation for inspirational leadership, but few seriously call him a failure.

If the first year is the hardest, Sir Anthony must be glad. For after waiting 15 years to inherit the job, he has found it a bundle of trouble.

His friends say it was simply the dice roll of history. His critics blame his crap-shooting.

Mixed Assessments

These mixed assessments of the handsome Prime Minister's first year as Britain's leader stem from the following blows that have shaken this kingdom since Sir Winston stepped down, and virtually out of sight, last April 5.

1. An optimistic, far-reaching budget that helped Sir Anthony win the general election last May turned sour. An emergency budget had to be introduced in the autumn, raising taxes again.

2. Inflation that forced the budget revision staggered the economy. A remedial series of credit squeezes and spending cuts bit the pulse of the working man. The Labour Party raged that it was too little, too late. The economic crisis continued.

3. Back bench Conservative members of Parliament who never would have dared defy Sir Winston started muttering against Sir Anthony's leadership in January, due largely to the economic crisis. There was a flurry of speculation that he would be ditched, but he rode out the tempest.

4. Then things came unstuck in foreign affairs. Sir Anthony's specialty. Britain's backing of the Baghdad Pact backfired. Jordan would not join, and instead disowned its former mother, Britain, by expelling Gen. Sir John Glubb. Egypt seemed to be shaking the British hold on the Middle East. Shooting started in the Cyprus Colony and Sir Anthony's deputy, Archbishop Makarios, divided Britain into angry factions with varying views on how to handle Cyprus.

Critics claim Sir Anthony's touch has been wooden in these crises. They accuse him of chattering from the tins to the belligerent without thinking things through.

Yet the Prime Minister has hit peaks of popularity. The British people, by and large, approved his trip to Washington to see President Eisenhower, and the pleasant impact of his speeches on Americans pleased most Britons.

The Geneva summit conference after struck this international-minded nation as a good team. Many Britons think it all right for Sir Anthony to go through with this month's Khrushchev-Bulgarian visit despite the Soviet leaders' slaps at British leadership.

Sir Anthony has had his first masterstroke: the common bond. His wife's request for a divorce's neighbour not to hang on the washing on the estate at badly with her.

And in his appearance on TV, Sir Anthony is assessed as less than brilliant.

Ability Trusted

Sir Anthony's health seems good. His Parliamentary majority is strong. His ability is trusted. His job is unchallenged by either of his possible political heirs, Harold Macmillan or R. A. Butler. Nobody here believes that anything short of a general election can unhorse him anytime soon. —United Press.

Dominion's Woman Electrician

Wellington, Apr. 5.

When she came from London to take up a position as principal of the national school of physiotherapy, Miss E. Gotts was irked by New Zealand regulations which forbade amateur tinkering with electrical gear.

To avoid breaking the law, she was obliged to summon to the school a qualified electrician even for such a trivial fault as the blowing of a fuse.

FIRST LICENCE

Now, however, Miss Gotts has no need to call on outside aid in minor emergencies, for she has the legal and technical equipment to cope with them herself.

She has become the first woman in New Zealand to gain a limited electrical servicemen's licence. Miss Gotts believes that there is only one other woman electrician in the Dominion—a qualified lineswoman working somewhere in the North Island. —China Mail Special.

Indian Troops On Pakistan Border

Karachi, Apr. 5.

Mr Hamidul Huq Chowdhury, Pakistan Foreign Minister, told the National Assembly here today that there had been "a certain amount of concentration" by Indian troops on the East Pakistan-Indian border.

But he added: "I cannot say that it is heavy as there is no direct information as to the nature and extent of the concentration."

Mr Chowdhury was replying to numerous opposition questions regarding details of alleged raids by Indian police and military forces on Pakistan territory since January. He said necessary measures to stop further incidents had been taken. —Reuters.

MAKARIOS' ISLAND EXILE



He Spends His Time Raising Dahlias

Seychelles Islands, Apr. 5. GREEK Orthodox Archbishop Makarios and his three companions - in exile from Cyprus have settled down quietly on this Indian Ocean island.

The leader of Greek Cypriot resistance spends much of his time raising dahlias and strolling along a grassy, deserted road. But he is allowed no communication with the inhabitants. He holds religious services beneath a shady mango tree in the 'lovely' pleasant garden. Meals are also served.

In the garden during the fine weather which has prevailed here since Makarios' precipitous arrival here last month.

The exiles' major problem for some time was a dearth of olive oil—a necessary ingredient in the Greek-Cypriot diet. The British Government has come to the rescue and imported a large quantity of olive oil from abroad.

A Government doctor pays a visit each Tuesday to the secluded lodge. This recently caused unfounded rumours that Makarios was ill.

Makarios' three companions recently made a shopping trip to the nearby settlement of Victoria for light clothing, a radio and other odds and ends.

The Government is proceeding with careful renovation of La Basille, a large house that stands amid spacious grounds near the coast.

But the Government will not say for whom the house is intended. The house is unpopular with officials because of its expensive upkeep. —United Press.

Moroccan Independence Recognised By Spain

Madrid, Apr. 5.

General Francisco Franco, Spain's chief of state, said the recognition by Spain of Moroccan independence constituted the end of a phase in Morocco's history.

General Franco, who today publicly confirmed Spanish recognition of the independence of Morocco, said his country was determined to respect the unity of the Moroccan Empire and to help it to become effective.

He recalled the establishment, less than half a century ago, of the Spanish protectorate over the northern zone of Morocco, as a result of agreements "concluded behind Spain's back."

Referring to the events of the last few years, General Franco said: "I am glad that the administrative separation of Morocco into two zones was in existence at a certain time."

for this separation enabled Spain at a critical time to give Morocco its support and sympathy."

General Franco made a reference to the "future emancipation of other Mediterranean nations" which could contribute by their mutual co-operation to the defence of a common civilisation.

The ceremony marking the official opening of the Spanish Moroccan negotiations took place in the main salon of the Pardo Palace, General Franco's residence near Madrid. The Sultan of Morocco, Sidi Mohammed ben Youssef, who had arrived yesterday for the talks, was accompanied by his eldest son, Prince Moulay Hassan, Chief-of-Staff of the new Moroccan army, his Premier, Si Bekdal, and several members of the Government.

'Freedom Charter' For Africans

Johannesburg, Apr. 5.

At a secret meeting in a Johannesburg suburb last evening, the "African National Congress" adopted a "freedom charter" calling for equality of political, legal and educational rights for all the inhabitants of the Union of South Africa, the newspaper The World reported today.

The newspaper report said the Congress was the scene of violent incidents between opposing elements.

The "freedom charter" adopted had been prepared at a meeting last year of the inter-racial left-wing organisation, the "People's Congress" by the "African for the Africans" elements, who said it was a pro-Communist charter and contrary to the real interests of the Africans.

They also criticised the preamble to the charter which said South Africa belonged equally to white and Africans because this was a negation of the "Africa for the Africans." —France-Press.

INCREASE IN POLIO

Washington, Apr. 5.

Polio with paralysis is up 20 per cent over last year in the United States, according to figures for the year's first quarter published today by the United States Public Health Service.

The total number of polio cases for this year is 1,072 as against 1,083 for the corresponding period of last year. Cases with paralysis totalled 584 as against 411 last year. A Federal Health Services spokesman said it was too early yet to make deductions from these figures. He thought perhaps the increase might be due to increased strictness in reporting cases of the disease. —France-Press.

Officer Steals Truck Load Of Arms

Algiers, Apr. 5.

Security forces were today scouring the area around Algiers, following the disappearance yesterday of a French officer cadet with a truck load of arms and ammunition, including 132 sub-machine guns.

The man, a reservist recently recalled to the colours, was described as a militant Communist. He was said to have visited Eastern European countries as a correspondent for the Communist newspaper in Algiers.

The cadet was in command of a small convoy consisting of the truck loaded with military equipment and several escort vehicles.

He gave the escort vehicles the slip in Algiers and ordered the truck driver to drive to a forest near the city. There he overcame the driver and bound him to a tree. The empty truck was found nearby.

The load of arms had apparently been transferred to another truck. —France-Press.

Worth £30,000: Bilked Grocer For 5s

Auckland, Apr. 5.

An elderly woman worth £30,000 who was recently detained in a city store for failing to pay for groceries valued at £5 10s 4d gave a false address.

When brought before a magistrate on a charge of theft, she pleaded not guilty. She attributed the incident to an oversight and said that the false address was given to avoid causing worry to her husband.

The magistrate said he regarded the accused as an active, alert woman who could not have forgotten to pay and he found the offence proved. The woman was convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within six months. —China Mail Special.

★ Lockheed Nuclear Plane Project ★

Atlanta, Apr. 5.

LOCKHEED Aircraft Corporation and the US Air Force are expected to announce in a few days plans for the beginning of a major project in Dawson County, Georgia, in connection with the Air Force programme for development of nuclear-powered airplanes.

It was learned that a joint announcement from the company, which now produces B-47 jet bombers and the Hercules cargo plane at Marietta, Georgia, would be made some time next week.

A Lockheed spokesman said the company was not ready to make any announcement now.

Lockheed already is engaged in preliminary design studies of nuclear-powered aircraft and is planning to move that phase of its operations from its plant in Burbank, California, to Marietta.

It was understood from unofficial sources that the project in Dawson County, Georgia, at least for the present, would be concerned with research and testing rather than actual plane production, which might come later.

Eight Indonesians Shot By Dutch Claims Embassy

Washington, Apr. 5.

The Indonesian Embassy today charged in a statement that eight Indonesians have been shot to death and a number of others imprisoned by the Dutch in West New Guinea after secret trials during which they were denied counsel.

The Embassy Press attache, Mr Genis Harsono, said that 31 Indonesians were charged by the Dutch with "stirring up a revolt" in West New Guinea and "there is no evidence that even the pretence of a trial was held to sentence 10 to prison terms, and 'no information at all is available on seven other prisoners,'" the statement said.

Contrast

This "miscarriage of justice" occurred last November, Mr Harsono said.

He declared that the treatment given the Indonesians in West New Guinea contrasted with the fair and open trial which, Indonesia claims it is given Loon Jungschnager, a Dutch national on trial in Indonesia for participating in a rebellion against the Indonesian Republic in West Java.

Netherlands authorities, contented that Jungschnager has been denied a fair trial. They claim he has actually been convicted in advance and the trial is a public spectacle to whip up emotions against the Dutch.

"In recent days a flood of Dutch propaganda in the form of articles, letters to the editor and even paid advertisements had deluged the press of America with regard to the trial in Indonesia of Leon N. H. Jungschnager," the statement said.

Injustice

"While thousands of words have appeared in the press about the Jungschnager case, there has been a strange silence concerning a miscarriage of justice in West Java (New Guinea) which occurred in November 1955, involving 31 Indonesian citizens accused of stirring up a revolt."

"In the West Java case, the Dutch injustice was swift and terribly irretrievable. There is no evidence that even the pretence of a trial was held. When the Indonesian Government tried to send defence counsel to Java, they were denied by Dutch authorities. Even impartial observers were barred. Secrecy is the hand-maiden of tyranny."

Mr Harsono charged that the Dutch did not even identify the eight Indonesians executed "for they are unable to rid themselves of the terrible colonial curse by which they view Indonesian natives as commodities, not human beings endowed with inalienable rights."

Unconcealed

By contrast, the Indonesian statement claimed, the Jungschnager case is open to foreign observers and the foreign press.

"There has been no decision in the Jungschnager case," it added. "In the event that the court finds him guilty, however, he will have available all the rights of appeal through all the higher judicial tribunals. Like his trial, every step will be public, unconcealed from the world." —United Press.

Duchess Of Kent For Germany

London, Apr. 5.

The Duchess of Kent with her children, Princess Alexandra and Prince Michael left London Airport by Royal plane today to visit British services units in West Germany. —Reuters.

CATACOMB PAINTINGS

Valencia, Apr. 5.

Valencian archaeologists have discovered third century catacomb paintings with remarkable Christian and pagan wall paintings under the Via Latina, Rome. It was reported here tonight. Priests found the paintings over 60 feet below the ground after letting themselves down a narrow well.

Subjects of the paintings range from biblical scenes to the death of Cleopatra and a doctor performing a surgical operation. —France-Press.

ROCKET CONTRACTS AWARDED

Washington, Apr. 5.

The United States Navy announced today that it has awarded contracts to two American firms for building the last of three rockets which will carry its man-made satellite into outer space in 1958.

The firms are the Grand Central Rocket Company of Redlands in Maryland, and the Allegany Ballistics Laboratories of Cumberland in Maryland.

The Navy said it still must award a series of important contracts for building the satellite and the instruments it will carry.

EARLIER CONTRACTS

Earlier, the Navy assigned the Grand Central Company to build the first rocket, and the Aerojet General Company to build the second.

The rocket launcher will be built by the Martin Aircraft Company. The Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator firm will build the gyroscope which will hold the satellite in its orbit. The satellite's gyro-plant will be built by the Sperry Rand Company, of Saint Louis. —France-Press.

THE WRONG CALLING

Wellington, Apr. 5.

A dieryman holding an official post in Wellington was recently asked to take services some distance away and on his behalf a departmental officer requested a car "for the minister."

It duly arrived—in the form of a shiny ministerial limousine driven by a uniformed chauffeur. The dieryman soon discovered, however, that the trapping of luxury were not to be his by right.

By the following Sunday officialdom had realised that the minister was of the cloth-wearing, not the catch-carrying variety and when his car arrived it proved to be one of the smaller road-worn Government vehicles. This time there was no chauffeur and the dieryman had to drive it himself. —China Mail Special.

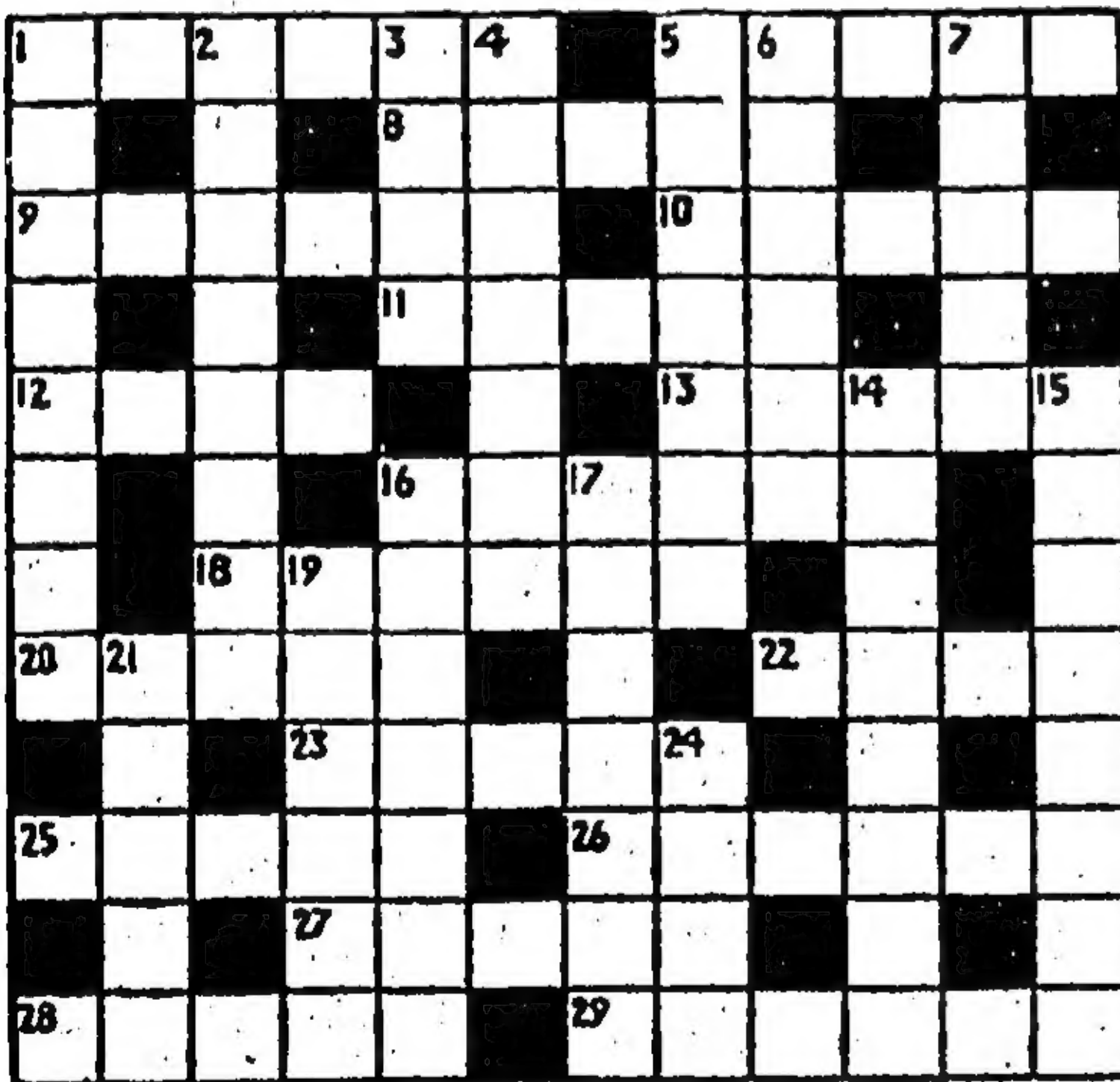
ADMIRAL KILLED

Paris, Apr. 5.

Rear-Admiral Jean Pouch Lestrade, Engineer-General to the French Navy and Under-Director of naval construction and armaments to the Naval Ministry, was killed in an automobile accident near Paris today.

He was a passenger in a car which collided and crashed into a tree. The car was driven by a naval officer. —France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Stern (6).
 - 2 Discourages (5).
 - 3 Poison (6).
 - 4 Says "yes" (8).
 - 5 Fend (5).
 - 6 Competitor (5).
 - 7 Often jellied (4).
 - 8 Concise (5).
 - 9 Expunge (6).
 - 10 Required (6).
 - 11 Soothsayers (6).
 - 12 Sage (4).
 - 13 Wash out (6).
 - 14 Dismal (5).
 - 15 Holiday period (6).
 - 16 At no time (8).
 - 17 Taken notes (5).
 - 18 Topped (6).
- DOWN
- 1 Unpaid players (8).
 - 2 London street (4, 4).
 - 3 Declare (4).
 - 4 Dwell (7).
 - 5 Gave (7).
 - 6 Lucky Charm (6).
 - 7 Nuisances (5).
 - 8 Record (6).
 - 9 Made below (8).
 - 10 Wants greatly (7).
 - 11 Tenants (7).
 - 12 Commission (6).
 - 13 Unearthly (5).
 - 14 Merit (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Glut, 7 Alert, 8 Room, 9 Idea, 10 Precede, 12 Plot, 15 Probe, 18 Meal, 19 Venus, 21 Inert, 22 Rise, 23 Elect, 25 Toile, 26 Interim, 30 Tend, 31 Tame, 32 Smiler, 33 Place, Down: 1 Aisle, 2 Proverb, 4 Laden, 5 Trap, 6 Dado, 8 Ideal, 11 Lure, 13 Lone, 14 Us, 16 Eyed, 17 Tint, 18 Melt, 20 Excess, 22 Road, 24 Lion, 26 Ditty, 27 Ore, 28 Sign.

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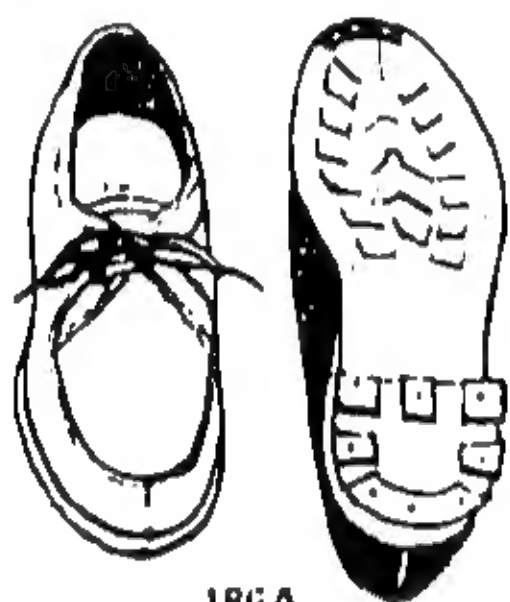


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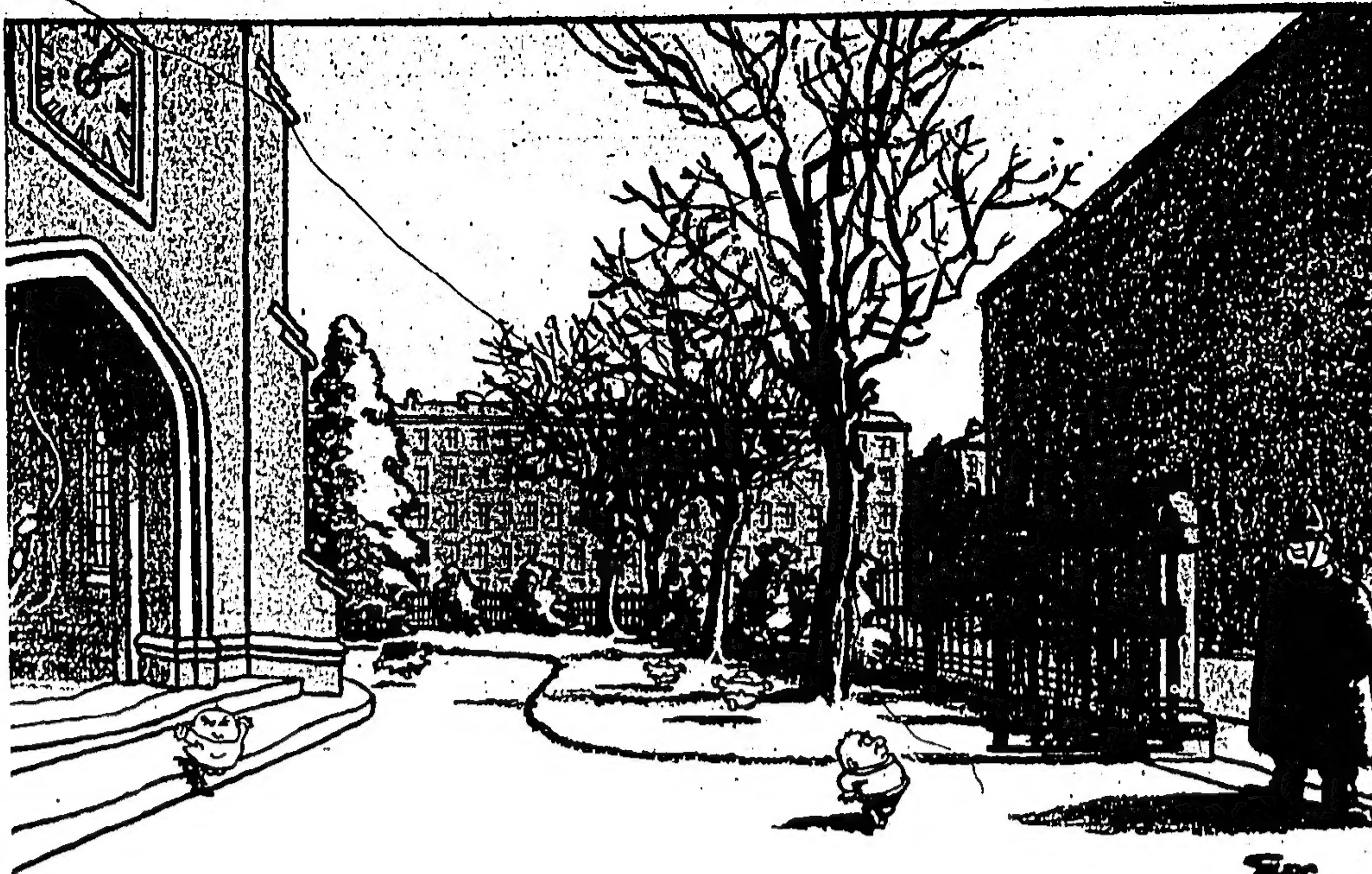
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"I wonder if our church clock striking fifty-two instead of two has got anything to do with somebody reading about little boys ringing church bells in Cyprus."

Why Malenkov is dangerous

AINTREE 1956 — what a surprising success for race-horse E.S.R. But what a far more surprising success for race-goer Georgi Malenkov.

His appearance at the Grand National now puts him lengths ahead of any other propagandist in the world. For him it is the climax in what has become an election campaign for the backing of the British people.

What an amazing campaign for a foreigner to wage in Britain. There has been nothing like it before. It has been a lesson to publicity men everywhere.

Kisses, smiles

ESCORTED up and down the country, at British expense, Georgi Malenkov has acted as the Kremlin's travelling salesman. Every smacking kiss he has bestowed on girl workers, every grin which has creased that cheerful, chubby face has been a selling point for Russia.

And now look at his wonderfully skilled performance that week-end.

Even the mist and lowering skies at Aintree fail to dim his ceaseless smile.

Does he withdraw behind a mask of dignity? Does he remain sedately fixed in the Royal Grandstand? He does nothing of the kind.

Before racing starts he trots off gaily around the course.

He inspects the water jumps. His familiar light blue gaberlino is visible everywhere.

And everywhere the whisper goes about: "There's old Malenkov. Just like one of us."

So kind

NEAR the Chair Fence a hare runs across his tracks.

"Should I chase it?" he hatters. And the joke is passed on through the crowd.

A small boy runs up for an autograph. Brushing back a wispy, kid-curl, the gay Georgi promptly obliges. Then with a fatherly gesture he lets the little lad perch through his binoculars.

That gesture alone is worth a hundred speeches at the United Nations.

Already half the punters in the stands are on Malenkov's side. Now all the mothers are with him too.

"What a nice kind man," they murmur. "Which is just what they are meant to murmur."



THE RISKS OF PLAYING RING O' ROSES WITH THE RUSSIANS

by
**PERCY
HOWARD**

One result, certainly, will be to stir up an old lingering threat to the Socialists. The Krushchev visit will begin once again to blunt the sharp edge of the knife which divides their party from the Communists.

Already in the thirties Cripps and Bevan, campaigning for a United Front, tried to blunt this edge. But now the threat is different and far more dangerous. Now the Communists are grasping for the unions which in turn control the Socialist machine. And who can doubt that the Russian leaders will immensely aid them by their inspired impromptu at the British factory bench?

His 'glory'

BUT what of the Tories? What gain will they reap from the Russian visit?

One commentator at least is optimistic.

In an interesting article for the Evening Standard, Mr. Richard Strong claims that the invitation to Krushchev and Bulganin is nothing less than the crowning glory of Sir Anthony Eden's career as Prime Minister.

He promises that every Tory will soon be basking in public pleasure at this brilliant stroke for peace.

Will Mr Strong's large promise be fulfilled? Far from it.

The invitation might become Sir Anthony's crowning glory if the Russians were coming to a

search for some lasting accommodation with the West.

But they are coming with no such purpose. Though their faces are aglow with smiles, there is only one motive burning in their hearts. They want to prise Britain off from America, from her allies across the seas. That is now the goal of all Russian statcraft.

Already Krushchev has taken a step nearer that goal by his decision to stand up Stalin's ghost before the firing squad.

Already his show of liberal-minded horror at Stalin's crimes has bolstered his position among simple-minded souls in Britain. He imagined that his own record gleams spotlessly pure and white when contrasted with the mud-spattered corpse of his old master. And the natural result why we should tag along exclusively with America when there is this penitent and pathetic slimmer waiting at the mercy stool and longing to embrace us.

Now, in this coming spring visit, Krushchev hopes to reach his goal in one big stride. He hopes to split the Atlantic alliance wide asunder in a single campaign of smiles.

The reply

THEN how should Sir Anthony meet this sly, cunning "Slav"? With frowns? By insisting eternally on our disapproval of the Russian creed?

THAT MAY NOT BE NECESSARY.

Provided that the British people know the facts about the Russian purpose, provided that they hold another firm on to their real friends in the West, then Sir Anthony can afford to take a short cut of the Russian book. He can keep smiling too.

JOHN FISHER CONCLUDES HIS NEW STUDY OF TODAY'S GERMANY

The Drive For Production

GERMAN trade unions are organised in industries and not by crafts. Consequently you do not get disputes between carpenters, metal workers and shipwrights, for instance, about who is to bore holes in the aluminium used in the insulation of a fruit ship. In Germany all the workers concerned are regarded as building a ship.

Another point is that the trade unions in Germany are not as strongly organised as in some other countries. There is no general "closed shop" principle.

In export trade, too, Germany has been successful. Concentrating mainly on exporting capital equipment such as machinery, she has worked up a big trade with the countries belonging to the European Payments Union. No doubt her comparative freedom from strikes has helped her to win repeat orders from foreign buyers, who know from experience that Germany can deliver the goods on time.

Germany has also big plans for Western countries to pool their scientific, industrial and financial resources in a counter-offensive against Soviet penetration of the Near and Far East. If these plans receive U.S. backing there need be no end to the German miracle.

FROM SCRATCH

Furthermore, there is the psychological relationship between employer and worker. In many cases both started ten years ago from "scratch" with a burned-out heap of rubble for a site, and a feeling that without hard work and co-operation they would never make up the leeway.

The relatively weak position of the Communist Party — it has no seats in either House of the Federal German Parliament — may have helped to check irresponsible strikes. Communism in most West German minds means "Russian occupation."

The West German trade unionists have not been blind to the fate of the trade unions in Eastern Germany, where they have become "sweet-shop" agencies for extorting ever-increasing "norms" of production from the workers.

Recently the West German Building Workers' Unions closed down a large number of their local branches because they believe them to have been infiltrated by Red agitators.

BETTER OFF

The Communists in their present frail state of health have had to take the move "lying down."

Their main tactic has been to concentrate on gaining control of the works councils of individual firms. But their political voting strength—estimated at about 1,000,000—may increase with the rising tide of opposition to the Adenauer Government.

Perhaps the most important consideration of all is that the German worker is now better off than at any time since the end of the war.

The cost of living has risen, but not nearly as fast as the worker's income. So there is no real incentive to strike.

There is real incentive to work, for the Germans have not been spending money on arms, which cannot be put into the shop window. They have been making things that ordinary wage earners want to buy for themselves.

REVOLUTIONARY

To understand the system, one needs to remember that under German company law every company financed by share capital must have a policy board elected by the shareholders and a board of management appointed by the policy board.

In the mining, iron and steel industries the policy board under the co-determination system must consist of 11 members, five of whom are chosen by the shareholders, five by trade union interests, with one "neutral."

The board of management must have among its members a full-time labour director having the same rights as the other directors.

It is too early to say whether this almost revolutionary system will cushion the German heavy industries from strikes indefinitely. But if it does, the Germans will have former enemies to thank, for the system is based on one which the British introduced as an occupying Power in order to keep the "wicked barons" of the Ruhr in their place.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"The Dowager Countess of Littlehampton wants to know why she's not being shadowed—she says she's just as anti-Communist as Malcolm Muggeridge and twice as dangerous!"



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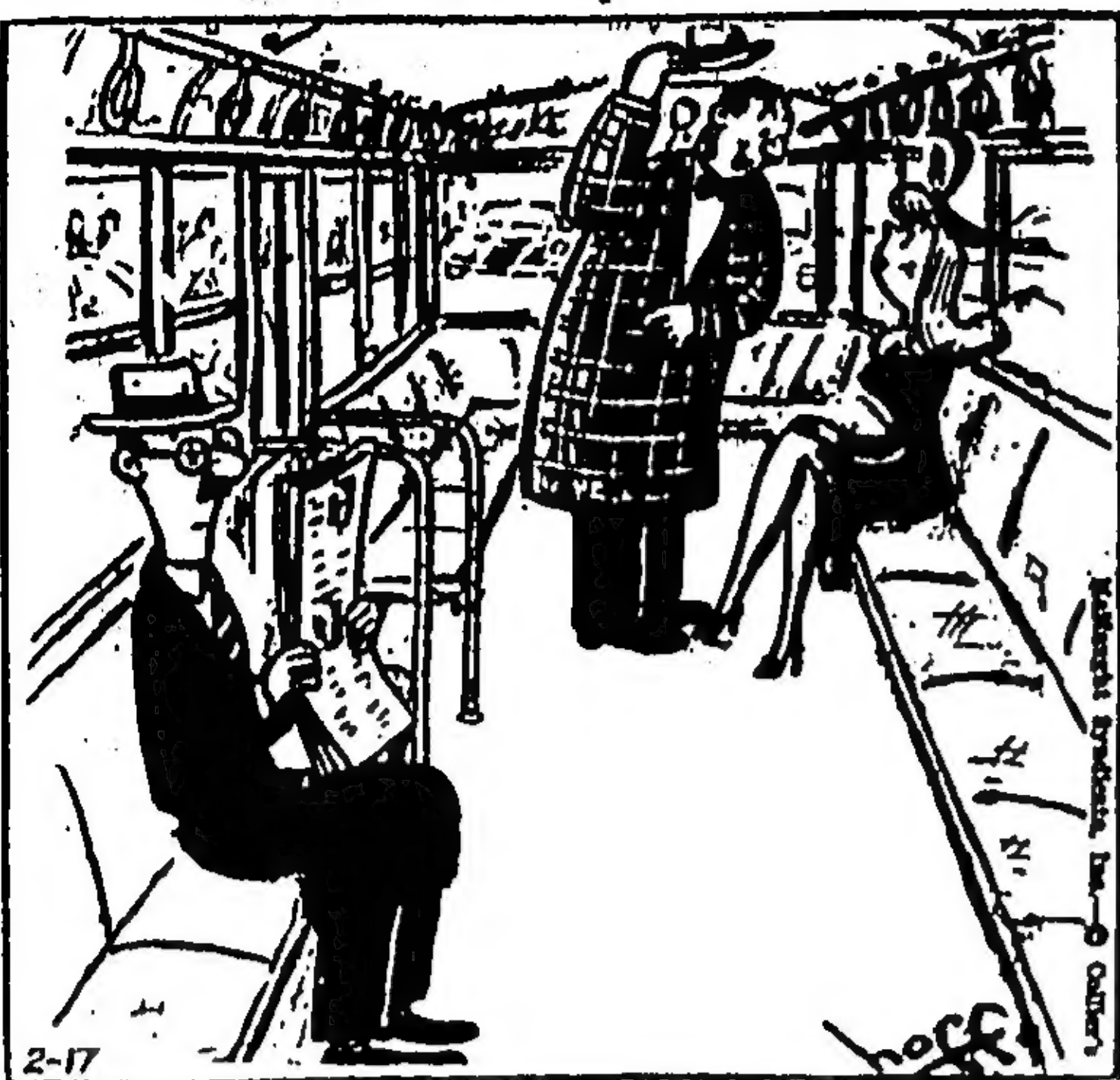
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This Funny World



"Is that man annoying you?"

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

AN old Moorish-American named Al Manach once told me, at a cafe in Taraboumeh, on the edge of the desert, that the year 1956 would set up a new record for the number of words spoken by politicians.

He reckoned that out of every 100,000 words uttered by them, 18 had some bearing on what they were supposed to be talking about, and a further nine words out of every half million were intelligible. My chartered accountants, Messrs Slobber, Wapentake and Strawn, have certified this as correct.

A visit to the bank

A FELLOW-BACK, noting the sentimental appeals of the big banks for management, suggests that the manager of Old Mum should be seen. Knitting by the fire in every bank (Old Mum) I know goes further than this. As the customer enters, soft music greets him, and a tiny, golden-haired girl immediately takes his hand and faces him into his care-worn face. She leads him into the manager's office, his shoulders heaving with sobs, and there a dear old lady is mending the manager's shirt. She looks up and says: "Have you come to see my boy? I'm so proud of him." The manager, seated at his desk, dabs his eyes with a handkerchief, presses his mother's hand, puts the little

Making it interesting

WHY do not the banks come contemporary thought, and give away a washing-machine or a refrigerator to any customer who can guess the number of cheques cashed in the last 12 hours? Or what about a week in Old Slamboul, at the bank's expense, for anyone who introduces a dozen new customers? Or reception hostesses to hand the cheque to the cashier? Or a milk bar for the use of clients? Or ex-model cashierettes in naval uniform?

Mrs Rumpus threatens her son slowly through the column.

Unhappy landing

THEY say that a flying diplomat, bound for Borneo, arrived in Iceland by mistake. On the airfield he read the sign: "I thank Borneo for its warm welcome to me." "Who is Borneo?" shouted a youth. The pilot then arrested the diplomat as a vagrant. He was led away, muttering about friendly relations with Borneo.

JACOBY
ON BRIDGETiming Nets
Extra Trick

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE play in today's contract made a difference of 200 points. This is not as much as the difference between making a contract and being defeated, but it's worth knowing about.

West would have made game and rubber at four spades, but the sacrifice at five diamonds was too costly. West opened the eight of hearts, and East took the king and ace. East then returned the Jack of hearts for

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♠ A Q J 63		
WEST		EAST (D)
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♠ K 7 2		
SOUTH		
♥ 7	♦ K 10 5	♣ K J 10 8 7
♠ 8 4		
East-West vul.		
East	South	West
1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Double Pass
Opening lead—♥ 8		

his partner to ruff, selecting this high card to show that his entry was in a high suit (spades) rather than in a low suit.

West ruffed and planned to get to his partner's hand with a spade in order to get another heart led. He couldn't lead a low spade at once, however, for that would cost a trick. East would take the ace of spades and lead another heart, whereupon South would discard the queen of spades. West would make a second trump trick, but lose a spade trick in the process.

The important play was to cash the king of spades immediately after ruffing the third round of hearts, then lead a low spade to East's ace. When the fourth round of hearts now came through declarer, he couldn't make a useful discard.

South made a good try, by ruffing with the king of diamonds. He then finessed the queen of clubs to enter dummy and led a diamond. East stepped up with the ace of diamonds and led a fifth heart, assuring West a trick with the Jack of diamonds.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West
2 Diamonds Pass
You South, hold:
♠ K 4 3 7 5 2 ♦ Q J 5 3 2 ♣ A A 2
What do you do?

A—Bid three diamonds. You expect to get to a slam eventually, but the raise is the correct first step. You can show your ace later.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You South, hold:
♠ K 4 3 7 5 2 ♦ Q J 5 3 2 ♣ A A 2
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

TARGET

HOW many words of four or more can you make from the letters in the left hand square? The letters in the right hand square must be at the end of each word. The words must be at least nine letters long. The words must be in the dictionary. The words must be in the dictionary. The words must be in the dictionary.

CROSSWORD

Across: 1. You're one of these, said the girl, when she was talking to her mother. (5) 2. A small fish. (4) 3. A small fish. (4) 4. A small fish. (4) 5. A small fish. (4) 6. A small fish. (4) 7. A small fish. (4) 8. A small fish. (4) 9. A small fish. (4) 10. A small fish. (4) 11. A small fish. (4) 12. A small fish. (4) 13. A small fish. (4) 14. A small fish. (4) 15. A small fish. (4) 16. A small fish. (4) 17. A small fish. (4) 18. A small fish. (4) 19. A small fish. (4) 20. A small fish. (4) 21. A small fish. (4) 22. A small fish. (4) 23. A small fish. (4) 24. A small fish. (4) 25. A small fish. (4) 26. A small fish. (4) 27. A small fish. (4) 28. A small fish. (4) 29. A small fish. (4) 30. A small fish. (4) 31. A small fish. (4) 32. A small fish. (4) 33. A small fish. (4) 34. A small fish. (4) 35. A small fish. (4) 36. A small fish. (4) 37. A small fish. (4) 38. A small fish. (4) 39. A small fish. (4) 40. A small fish. (4) 41. A small fish. (4) 42. A small fish. (4) 43. A small fish. 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"Iron Man" Was A Joker; Just Such A Man Amongst Men Was Moody

By C. B. THOMAS

Here and there throughout boxing history the sport has produced a boxer for whom there has been no apter or more fitting name than "Iron Man" of the ring.

Such a man had durability away beyond the normal, and a capacity to "give it and take it" impartially. Just such a man amongst men was Frank Moody.

At a time when I was organising the World War charity show, a sporting friend wrote to tell me that a fifteen-year-old lad named Frank Moody was showing such great promise that he thought I should see him boxing a fellow called Charlie Stone whom he was scheduled to meet.

Stone was a stout fighter packing a wallop in both hands, and when I decided to go along to watch, it came as no surprise to me to see Moody go out in four rounds against his very aggressive opponent. Just the same I liked what I'd seen of him.

And when Moody had developed into a fully-fledged bantamweight, I matched him over fifteen rounds against a clever scientific boxer named Chris Langdon.

It was a grand little fight, Frank lost narrowly on points, but gained full honours as an up-and-coming man.

MODEST FURSE
By the time Moody had developed into a middleweight—

and he developed fast—he was a popular drawing-card at Liverpool Stadium, at Manchester, and at Blackfriars Ring, London.

By now, too, the end of World War One was in sight and I needed Frank's boxing services to augment a "Welcome Home" fund for servicemen, but his "Iron Man" tactics had become so popular and he was in such demand that we doubted whether the modest purse we could offer would tempt him.

It was with some diffidence that I wrote to his new manager, Wyndham Williams, and back Moody for a date against a well-known fighter. My letter was passed on to Moody, and without delay came his reply: "I will box for you any time and for any purse you are able to offer me."

Frank Moody had not forgotten the encouragement I had given him when, three years earlier, he was losing more often than winning, and glad to get the opportunity of a fight.

It so happened that in this fight the helpful Frank lost the decision before a crammed house which had given him a great ovation. It was a "raw" decision, and I wondered how he would take it. But in the dressing-room afterwards I heard a sample of the drollness which was his own peculiar way of hitting back.

Throughout the contest Frank's opponent had back-pedalled, and, in the opinion of good judges, had lost the fight "from here to Timbuctoo."

I arrived in the dressing-room to hear Frank remark to his opponent: "There's a track meeting here next Saturday."

"What's that to do with me?" asked his opponent.

"I think you've missed your vocation," Moody answered dryly. "You're a sprinter, not a fighter."

Frank could be droll even when absorbing a terrific hammering. Such an occasion was during his first visit to the United States, in a fight with Lou Bognish. While gloves were used.

FORCEFUL CONTACTS
Frank had made several forceful contacts with the boards, and Llew Williams, his trainer, asked anxiously: "How are you feeling, Frank?"

"Well," grinned Frank through his gore and sweat, "I feel as if somebody is pecking snowballs at me!"

It was in his "swan song" fight with Ben Ford of South Africa, then heading for the British Heavyweight Championship, that I heard the last "crack" from Frank. I referred this fight.

In the fifth round Lou Walsh, Ford's manager, became voluble in the Afrikaans language, instructing his man to be careful of Moody's left hook. Danny Davies, then Moody's manager, called my attention to it by yelling: "Stop that man talking Dutch to his boxer!"

Came the end of the round. Back to his corner went Frank. I heard him say as he wearily sat down: "Danny, it's not his 'Dutch' that is hurting me, but his boxer's body-punching!"

Nobody knew better than Frank that the "iron" had at last left his magnificent body. By then Moody had fought over two hundred battles, some against the most rugged and scientific boxers in the world, including Harry Greb and Tiger Flowers, both World Champions.

A brutish, wildest fighter, Greb made his own rules. Because of an injured eye he had received during a contest, he developed a scientific salacious in poking his thumb into the eyes of his opponents.

Tiger Flowers was the complete contrast. Before leaving his corner, Flowers' lips would silently recite his favourite Psalm: "Blessed be the Lord, my strength, who teacheth my hands to war and my fingers to fight."

Flowers carried the ethics of his creed into combat. For in the ninth round, with Frank Moody badly handicapped by a damaged right eye, Flowers gallantly refrained from laying another glove on it.

After 25 years, full-blooded service in the roped square, Frank became "mine host" of a hotel. Nor is he ever far from his ring exploits, for around him he has gathered a gallery of photographs of the boxers he has met.

Next instalment: The schoolmaster who threatened to "bell" Jimmy Wilde.

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— and furthermore let me tell you, I quote: "Even in Russia today it is possible to dissent without being howled down!" —
London Express Service.

ESSEX REGIMENT WIN 93 MILES CYCLING RACE

On Friday, March 30, the 1st Bn. The Essex Regt won the 93 Miles Massed Start Road Race for the RSA Shield, one of the most coveted of the Colony cycling trophies.

The weather varied during the race but at the start it was warm and humid with bright sunshine and a fresh Easterly wind which gave the competitors a hard time on certain parts of the course.

It was obvious after the first lap that the race was to be decided between the REME CC and the 1st Essex CC.

The first lap produced some very bad luck for 1 Essex CC for after about 19 miles, during the first ascent over Route One, L/Cpl Peck punctured and the Craigie pulled a wheel.

The race then was able to correct the trouble the main body were well ahead and finally after making a very good effort to catch up he dropped out in the 2nd lap.

This left 1 Essex CC with only three riders before the end of the first lap and REME CC hopes were raised.

The order of the leaders after climbing the gap on Route One from Sek Kong to the main Fanning-Taipei Road was as follows:—

Sgt Templeman and Pte Ralph of 1 Essex CC followed at about 3/4 mile by three riders of the REME CC who were riding extremely well together and who were beginning to worry the Essex team, even at this early stage.

Bob Lunn, Cpl Lunn, Cpl Bartlett of 1 Essex CC came through hard on their heels, followed in turn by Pte Hazleton, and Cpl Bell of the REME CC.

Towards the end of the first lap there were some exciting changes in the field, for the REME CC made good use of their tactics on the flat after Route One and caught Pte Ralph and Sgt Templeman, Cpl Bartlett of the Essex CC, following up, had also been caught by Pte Hazleton and Cpl Bell of the REME CC and these three were following up the main body.

During the 2nd lap the REME CC suffered a severe blow in losing Cpl. Bould due to a puncture. He had been riding very well as part of the dangerous REME trio.

The leaders over the Route One climb on the 2nd lap were as follows:—Pte Ralph, Sgt Templeman and Cpl Bartlett of 1 Essex CC followed by Cpl. Ellingham, Cpl Lunn, and Cpl. Bell of the REME CC.

The end of the 2nd lap saw the break up of the main bunch with Pte Ralph and Sgt Templeman of 1 Essex CC still riding very well together and defying any challengers. They were followed by Cpl. Lunn, Cpl. Bell, Cpl. Ellingham and the REME CC at 3, 4, and 5 miles respectively.

Cpl. Bartlett, 1 Essex CC, still making efforts to catch Cpl. Ellingham, followed at approximately 9 miles.

FELT THE PACE
Thus the final outcome of the race depended on the 3rd lap. The competitors were by this time feeling the pace and the distance, having covered some 61 miles under some too pleasant conditions, and each climb over the wearing Route One had exacted its toll.

The third lap developed into

LOOKING AT SPORT

HOGAN BASSEY—BRITAIN'S LATEST AND GREATEST BOXING HOPE

By DENNIS HART

At the end of April a British boxer flies to New York—alone. No grand entourage—not even a manager; no big send-off; no ballyhoo. But of all British boxers who have set out to conquer the new world, he has the best chance of delivering the goods. He can come back World Champion.

The name of this new hope is Hogan Bassey, the little Nigerian who looks frail, who is shy, but who, pound for pound, hits harder than any man in the world.

Bassey has three fights lined up in America, against top-ranking Featherweights. If all goes well in these he will get a crack at the world crown against Sandy Saddler. I think all will go well—for Bassey—and that even Saddler, the featherweight with the Marciano touch, may be outclassed.

What is there then about this Bassey who, after all, is just an overgrown Bantam?

Firstly, of course, there is his ability. He has got a knockout punch—IN BOTH HANDS. And he has the natural boxing ability to make use of his power, the knack of staying out sufficiently out of reach of his opponent's attack to leave himself all set to counter.

BETTER TACTICIANS
This has enabled him to triumph over better lacklusters. One was Billy Kelly, an expert speller. Bassey knocked him out in six rounds to win the British Empire title. Another was Jean Sneyers, a brilliant boxer and former European Champion who had previously taken Bassey to a points decision. The second meeting last year saw Sneyers forced to retire in the fourth round, his nose fractured by a right hook.

There is something else, though, about Bassey. He has got faith in his own ability. This is not to be confused with cockiness, or even confidence. Bassey realises that it is possible for the other man to win. But that to do so he must be a better man than Hogan Bassey, and the Nigerian gets himself a high standard.

So Bassey never ducks a reasonable challenge. Many fighters who have reached a certain stage decline to fight men of lower status.

The final results were as follows:—

1st Sgt Templeman, 1 Essex CC, 4th-5th-10th.

2nd, Pte Ralph, 1 Essex CC, 5th-10th-17th.

3rd, Cpl Lunn, REME CC, 5th-12th-16th.

4th, Cpl Bell, REME CC, 5th-12th-16th (Special Award).

5th, Cpl Bartlett, 1 Essex CC, 5th-24th-51st.

Winning team: 1st Bn The Essex Regiment (Templeman, Ralph, Bartlett) 15th-22nd-51st.

The duties of time-keeper and starter were very ably carried out by Sgt Clegg, REME.

Land Forces' Athletics

By "RECORDER"

The Land Forces' Athletic Championships started at Boundary Street yesterday with Cpl. Alan Smith of the King's Own winning the Three Miles in 15 minutes 58.3 seconds, a good time in the very windy and dusty conditions.

Cpl. J. Highton of the King's Own was second in 16:01.8 and Cpl. R. C. Whittle third in 16:04.2.

Capt. J. Hunter of the British Military Hospital won the Hop, Step and Jump at 42 feet 5 inches from Lt. Ritchie (Essex) whose best was 40 feet 10 inches.

Capt. Hunter also cleared 21 feet 10 inches in the quality round of Long Jump and placed third in the Pole Vault final. This latter event was won, as expected, by Cpl. Jackson of the 11th Infantry Workshops at 10 feet, with Sgt Hinge of the 27 HAA second.

Lt. Keith Burch of the Essex Regiment won his heat of the 680 Yards in 2:04.8 after having run the first lap in 80 seconds. Cpl. Bailey, the Colony 400 Metres Champion, won his heat of the 440 Yards in 53.8 seconds.

The Championships continue at Boundary Street tomorrow afternoon, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

10th Race Meeting Handicaps

Handicap weights for the Hongkong Jockey Club's 10th Race Meeting on Saturday, April 14, will be as follows:

RACE 1
Plebeian Handicap (Class 2) From 1 1/2 M. Post. Ambition (138), Half Moon Bay (144), Japing (149), Norselman (138), Quicksilver (142).

RACE 2
Joss House Bay H'cap (1st Sec.) Novices. (Class 5) 1 Mile. Bengal Lancer (140), Citrus (153), Eagle King (141), Every Day (139), Gladie (139), How Do I Know (149), Lake Success (148), Lawrence (155), Never Forget (148), Seafire (153), Supreme Command (159), Winning Touch (145).

RACE 3
Repulse Bay Handicap (Class 10) 1 1/2 M. Post. Boyce (143), Brantome (144), Lady (151), Green Velvet (150), Ladie (135), Quize (152), Rowan (149), Sky is Limit (140), Thunder Sky (153), Trade Wind (145).

RACE 4
St George's Plate (1056 Pounds) 1 Mile. Ann Cook (140), Balkan Monarch (149), Bluegrass (140), City of Victoria (149), Glory (143), Good News (143), Hongkong Diamond (143), Hylman (140), Norse King (140), Oscar Prize (147), Shutterfly Year (149), Tell Me To-night (149), The Cherub (143).

Triangular Cricket Match Teams

The following are the teams for the Triangular Tournament cricket match between the Combined Army and Combined RAF-Royal Navy XIs to be played at Kowloon tomorrow at 11 a.m.:

Combined Army: Major F. Howard-Dobson (Capt.), Capt. Whitham, Tpr. Aboe, Major Holmes, Tpr. Crook, Lt. Mike Carr, Lt. Jim Lipscombe, Tpr. Greenhaigh, Lt. Foster, Gtr. Yates, Major Williams.

Combined RAF-Navy: Flt/Lt. Ledlie, F/O Taylor, F/Sgt Welch, Sgt Taylor, Cpl. Brierley, Cpl. McGowan, S/O Henderson, S/O Power, Lt/Comdr. Sellers, M/Lt. Tremblay, Sub-Lt. Sharpe, 12th man Cpl. Crook.

Umpires: Sgt Robinson; Scorer Mrs Power.

HK Team Starts Training In Singapore

Singapore, Apr. 5. The Hongkong Football Association, holders of the A' Hoe Memorial trophy, were in Singapore today training for their annual inter-club match with Singapore on Saturday. In addition to the Saturday match, the Hongkong team will play Singapore "A" and the Sino-Malaya on Wednesday. Mr. C. B. Wang, chairman of the Hongkong Football Association, expressed complete confidence that Hongkong would retain possession of the Cup—United Press.

U.S. BADMINTON TOURNEY

MALAYAN PAIR IN OPEN DOUBLES QUARTER-FINALS

Philadelphia, Apr. 5. The Malayan team of Ong and Lim of Singapore, and Ooi Teik-heok of Penang, today qualified for the quarter-final round of the U.S. Open Badminton Doubles Championship with 15-7, 15-3 victory over Don Davis and Michael Rothen, two Americans.

Manuel Armendariz and Michael Hartog, both of Pasadena, California, were to play Ong and Ooi later tonight. Ong and Dorothy O'Neill of Connecticut were eliminated in the third round of the Mixed Doubles Championship by Hartog and Ooi. O'Neill, of California, 15-7, 15-0.

Ooi and his partner, Charlotte Becker of Washington, D. C. had been beaten in the previous night's Mixed Doubles. Neither Ooi nor Ooi completed for the Singles Championship.

Defending Champion, Joe Alston (United States), David McTaggart, the Canadian title holder, and Danish International Finn Kobber and Hammergaard Hansen all reached the quarter-finals of the Singles—Reuter.

ALSTON IN QR-FINAL
Defending Champion Joe Alston advanced to the quarter-final round of the U.S. Open Badminton Singles Championship today by defeating Tom Ho, 15-4, 15-1, at St. Joseph's College Alumni Field House.

Alston will meet Mike Hargrove in one of four quarter-final matches tonight. Hargrove came through third-round play by defeating Fred Trifonoff 15-8, 15-11.

In another third-round match, Hammergaard Hansen of Copenhagen defeated Manuel Armendariz 17-14, 15-13.

Fourth-seeded Mike Roche lost to Donald Davis, 11-15, 15-2, 15-3.

Finn Kobber of Copenhagen, the 1953 Badminton Champion of Denmark, advanced to the quarter-final round by defeating the Mexican Champion, Ernesto Villareal, 15-4, 15-0.

The Canadian Champion, David McTaggart, defeated John Leib, 15-3, 15-2.

In two other third-round matches, William Berry defeated Noel Fern, 15-7, 15-12, and Dick Mitchell beat Lt. James Poole 15-10, 11-15, 15-11.

In the third round of the Ladies' Singles Championship, the Canadian Champion, Jean Miller, defeated the 1941 U.S. Champion, Thelma Welcome, 11-4, 2-11, 11-7.

Sue Devlin defeated Jean Waring of Canada 11-9, 11-4.

The defending Champion, Margaret Varner, advanced to the quarter-finals by defeating Joan Gibbs, 11-1, 11-1.

In two other singles matches, Helen Tibbitts defeated Joan Warren of Canada 8-11, 10-12, and the Middle Atlantic Champion, Lee Marne, defeated Abbie Turledge, Mid-Western Champion, 12-11, 11-0—United Press.

MASTERS GOLF TOURNEY

Amateur Golfer Leads Field By A Stroke In First Round Play

Augusta, Georgia, Apr. 5. Ken Venturi, a barely bearded amateur of 24, today posted a six under par 68 and led a glittering field by a stroke in the first round of the 20th Masters Golf Tournament.

It was the lowest round ever scored by an amateur in the famous Bobby Jones tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club. It also marked the first time an amateur ever took undisputed lead in the first round.

But despite his 68, third lowest ever scored here, Venturi had a fast pace, not too far behind him, including two big advance favourites, Cary Middlecoff and Ben Hogan.

Middlecoff, defending Champion, came second with a 67, due largely to a 33 on the back nine. Hogan carded a 69 but lay a stroke back on the 68's posted by Shelley Mayfield and Tommy Bolt.

A pre-dawn cloudburst and intermittent drizzle all day slowed the wide Augusta national greens to where the better putters could handle them. The result was the biggest mass assault on par in the history of the Masters on opening day.

Venturi birdied the first four with single putts on each green, including a 25-footer and a 10-footer. He played a safety for the rest of the front half. He selected a spoon for his second shot on the treacherous 12th—where many a Master's champion has been won or lost—and made it to the green where he got seven with a two-footer and an eagle—United Press.

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